

## MEETINGS

**IN-PERSON:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockmosa Older Adult Centre (Library building) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. N0B 2K0.

## SAVE THE WEDNESDAY DATE

NO MEETINGS January and February

→ **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022: IN-PERSON ONLY** ←  
**Scott Douglas is our Speaker.**  
**We welcome non-perishable items for**  
**Rockwood Food Bank.**

↑ **NEXT MEETING** ↑

Important Notice: Our meeting room and multi-media system are not conducive to an effective hybrid in-person and zoom meeting; therefore, all meetings commencing with our September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting, will be IN-PERSON only! We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause any remote members.

**Future meeting dates:** 2022—December 7<sup>th</sup>; 2023—March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>; 2024—March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.

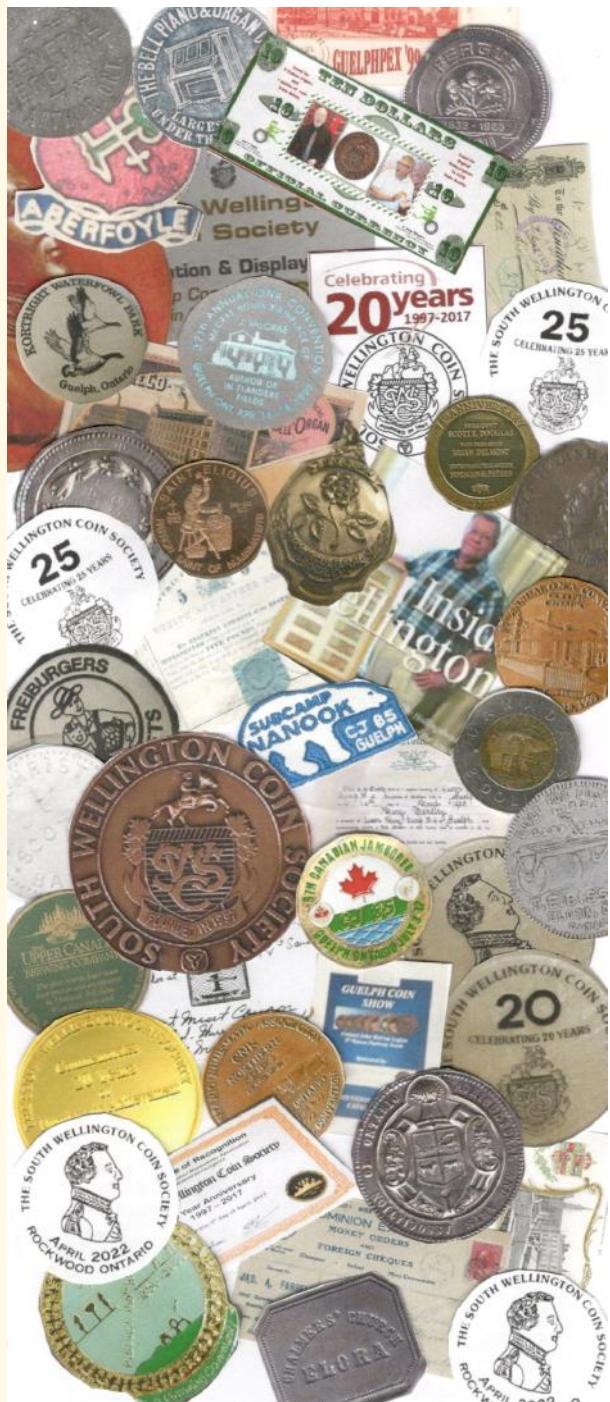
## 2023 Annual Membership Dues:

Regular \$10

Couple \$12

Junior (14 to age 18) \$5

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**2023-April 29<sup>th</sup> VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED, CONTACT MIKE**

## SWCS EXECUTIVE

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# IMPORTANT NOTES

- ◊ December is our last meeting of 2022, and we return to meeting in March 2023. Remember, we do not meet January and February due to the winter road conditions.
- ◊ It's that time of year again. We remind you 2023 dues are due on or before the day of our March 2023 meeting. The renewal / new application form is attached as the last page of this newsletter.
- ◊ We need good quality, collectibles for future auctions. Please contact Lowell about consigning.
- ◊ We need speakers and topics for Apr., and June-July, Sept-Dec. 2023 meetings. Please volunteer or give us contact information for somebody who you know is willing to come out and present.
- ◊ We wish all our members a safe, pleasant, peaceful, fun, and joyous Holiday Season!

## CLUB EDUCATION

Your presentation doesn't need to be fancy, you can just come and speak and hold up items in reference to your topic. Please reach out to Scott and sign up for one of the open 2022 dates below (or book a date or two into 2023):

- **December 7 (includes bringing non-perishable donation for the foodbank):** Scott Douglas will give an updated talk in *Barnardo Home Children Medals*.
- **2023-March 1 (no meetings January & February, Club's annual shutdown):** David Carpenter will give the other part of his demonstrations that we ran out of time for at our August 2022 meeting. He will show the **many uses and advantages of Numista, including graphing and charting and comparing your coins.**
- **April 5:** ? How about you?
- **May 3:** Ron Cheek presenting "A personal journey back to the Great Exhibition of 1851".
- **June 7 (Annual Pizza Night):** Members will share **how they first were introduced to numismatics**, and they are encouraged to bring along the first piece they collected (if they still have it).
- **July 5: Calling to a volunteer to talk on a topic.**
- **August 2: Show and Tell**, with members asked to bring a piece or pieces from their collections and tell us about them. Similar to how much fun our November 2022 meeting was when five members shared!
- **2023-September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6: Calling for volunteers to talk on a topic.**

## In Memory of our Friend Steve



After a 16-month-long battle against brain cancer, Stephen ("Steve") John Olgierd Sajkowski, passed away on October 27, 2022. Steve loved to make lasting memories with his family and friends. As a proud member of 42 years, Steve spent many years volunteering his time at the Colonel John McCrae Memorial Royal Canadian Legion—Branch 234 (Guelph), looking forward to heading to the camp and the annual fishing trips up North. He loved to tell jokes, laugh and share a Labatt's 50. Steve received the *Legionnaire of the Year Award* in 2013, and was awarded *RCL Life Member Award* in 2018. He served many roles at the Legion over the years, but most will remember him as *The Big Guy*, who managed the kitchen. His *Sunday Dinners* and *Christmas in July* were always sold out, if anyone was ever looking for Steve, he was at the Legion. **Mike Hollingshead** shared, "Steve ran the lunch counter for our SWCS Coin Shows, and was a constant fixture at the Legion. I recall him saying when I asked about the lunch and snack service for the shows, 'Mikey, we'll always look after you and your guests, don't worry.' He was the epitome of volunteerism and a genuine nice guy." We thank Mike for representing the South Wellington Coin Society at the memorial for Steve. Our deepest condolences to the Sajkowski family, and the members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

# TUVALU 2022 SIMPSONS SILVER COINS

[Source: Perth Mint Press Releases, Images not to scale.]

The Tuvalu officially licensed (TM & © 20<sup>th</sup> Television / MG) Simpsons 99.99% silver coins continue to sell out at the Perth Mint. Here's just the 2022 issues, but the Mint has been striking the series for four years. First up, let's back up to Hallowe'en with "the Simpsons Treehouse of Horror" 1-oz. silver coloured "glow in the dark" coin with a face value of "1 DOLLAR" and a mintage of 5,000 worldwide. Next we have the Bart Simpson (sticking out tongue with fingers in his ears) 2-oz. silver Proof High Relief coin with a face value of "2 DOLLARS." Then we have the character-shaped 1-oz. silver "mini" coloured coin of Young Bart Simpson with a face value of "1 DOLLAR". The next two coins are "The Simpson Family Season's Greeting" with one plain and the other coloured. The plain has a Brilliant Uncirculated finish. The reverse features Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie surrounded by a festive wreath. The coin has a face value of "1 DOLLAR", a mintage of 15,000 worldwide, a weight of 31.107 g, a diameter of 40.6 mm, and a thickness of 3.21 mm. the plain variety is available individually in coin card, or by rolls. The coloured version has the same coin specs of the plain, except it only has a 5,000 mintage with a limit of 2 per household, and only available individually in coin card.



## We have a new SWCS Member!

Many thanks to SWCS Director, **David Carpenter**, for bringing our newest SWCS member home! The member's name is a refurbished Lenovo Thinkpad T530 i7 Quad (widescreen laptop with webcam), and sure is welcomed, as our other laptop decided retire itself (or just give up!) – as we all discovered at our September meeting! The Thinkpad came with a pre-installed Windows 10 license (OEM), and David looked after installing the PowerPoint viewer, Open Office (free), and testing the Zoom, and PowerPoint out as well, and getting a dongle to hook up to our meeting room monitor. David got SWCS an awesome deal, as our new member cost under \$350!



More gratitude for David, as **Mike Hollingshead** shared, "Another big thank you due for David. I just attended Aquafit at the West End Rec Centre (Guelph) and scooped up the October 27<sup>th</sup> Wellington Advertiser from the distribution box there. A lot of Wellington Advertisers fly out from that location according to staff of the Library branch in charge of it. The EVENTS section on page 13 has the listing David submitted for our SWCS November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting! Thanks David for promoting our Club!"

# What is BEAC and CEMAC?

The Bank of Central African States, also known as **Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (BEAC)**, consists of six states (countries): Cameroon, Gabon, Central African Republic, Chad, the Republic of Congo-Brazzaville, and Equatorial Guinea. BEAC wants to issue a new series of circulation banknotes; however, the Republic of Congo-Brazzaville currently is not supporting the change, as evidently some high-ranking parties have stashes of CFA francs in cash hidden in their homes, and they want to protect their fortunes. We talking about a very large sum here (approx. equivalent of 2.04 billion CAD)!

The Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique centrale (CEMAC) was created on 16 March 1994, and stands for the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa. CEMAC aims to promote peace and the harmonious development of its member states, in the framework of establishing an economic union and a monetary union. In each of these two areas, the member states (the six countries / states listed above) intend to move from cooperation to a situation of union to complete the process of economic and monetary integration and to improve mutual assistance to support less developed member states. Several years ago, the CEMA monetary zone agreed to new denominations of CFA circulation notes. Brazzaville is considered the holdout, as its powerful parties have not exchanged all their CFA francs, as these particular members are believed to have illicitly amassed these notes by stealing from the state. A release a new notes would result in massive losses to this group, so they are attempting to stock the new release.



These thieves may be justified in their fears! Denis Sassou Nguesso is a Congolese politician and former military leader. He became president of the Republic of Congo in 1997. He served a previous term as president (1979-1992). During his first period as president, he headed the Congolese Party of Labour (PCT) for a dozen years. He introduced multiparty politics in 1990, but was stripped of executive powers by the 1991 National Conference, remaining in office as a ceremonial head of state. He stood as a candidate in the 1992 presidential election but placed third. Now during his first term, Nguesso acquired new circulation banknotes from BEAC to impoverish the dignitaries of the democratic regime of Pascal Lissouba whom he had just overthrown. The new banknotes rendered the old ones invalid, thus preventing those who held them from having any financial power. The current bigwigs of Brazzaville fear a repeat performance of what happened in Pascal Lissouba happening to them. They are fighting both a recall of the CFA notes they have amassed, and an introduction of new CFA notes to replace them, and render them invalid.

## Macedonia became North Macedonia

[National Bank of the Republic of Northern Macedonia]

Macedonia achieved independence in 1991 with the peaceful breakup of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Recognition was delayed because of Greece's objection to Macedonia's use of "Macedonia," and the country was initially recognized as the "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia." The United States recognized FRYM in 1994 under the provisional designation and began referring to Macedonia by its constitutional name, Republic of Macedonia, in 2004. Macedonia and Greece signed the *Prespa Accord* in June 2018 which, among other things, resolved the decades-long dispute over the Republic of Macedonia's name. The *Prespa Accord* included, among many other conditions, "Renouncement, on the part of North Macedonia, of any claim of a relationship with Ancient Macedonia, and the Hellenic historical and cultural heritage." In February 2019, Macedonia's name changed to the Republic of North Macedonia.

The Republic of North Macedonia is a small country of about 1.8 million ( 75% ethnic Macedonians, and around 25% are ethnically Albanian and there are also large communities of Serbs, Bosniaks and Turks throughout the country) , and it's in South East Europe bordering Greece, Albania, Serbia, Bulgaria and Kosovo. The local currency of North Macedonia is the Macedonian denar. It is a relatively new currency that nevertheless draws inspiration from an old source - the currency of the ancient Romans, the denarius. The Macedonian denar / MKD (den/ ден) is issued by the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia and is used throughout the country. Over the last few years, the Macedonian denar has grown significantly throughout the region and today it plays an important role in the developing economy of North Macedonia. The polymer circulation notes have been transitioning 2021-to present to show the new North Macedonia name. These notes are like the preceding issues, but with the bank's name changed to the *Народна Банка На Република Северна Македонија* (National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia).

On 25 October 2022, the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia confirmed the launch of a new 100-denar note (B103a). The note has a ceiling rosette as a watermark.



The obverse features: Macedonian text; ceiling rosette in Albanian town house in Debar. The reverse features: Macedonian text; 1594 engraving of Skopje by Jacobus Harevin viewed through horizontal Albanian house window.



Skopje in engraving by Jacobus Harevin 1594 (9)



## NEW CBMS Page

Check out the new CBMS FB <https://www.facebook.com/bankingmemorabilia/>. CBMS Executive is meeting this autumn about potentially launching a website too.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT  
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE?

<https://www.facebook.com/bankingmemorabilia/>  
or scan the QR Code

# SWCS November 2<sup>th</sup> Meeting Report

Report by Mike Hollingshead, SWCS 1<sup>st</sup> VP

**Welcome To Our Numismatic Family:** We had 18 folks in attendance at our November meeting, and we were very pleased to welcome 3 \*NEW\* members: **Helen Braun** (Clifford), **John Jansen** (Guelph), and **Dan Kennaley** (Elmira). We are confident you will welcome them to our numismatic family, and introduce yourself as you see each other. We had apologies from a couple of our regulars who were either sick, had to work, or couldn't get a ride. Hopefully we'll see you at our December meeting as loads should be happening there. There was no photographer at this meeting.

**About Action At Our December 2022 Meeting:** Our apologies again! With three Executive Team members returning from travel within a couple days before our November meeting, the bag of draw prizes never made it to the meeting. As a result, Santa Claus (Scott Douglas) will be busy at our December meeting as he will be drawing for **all of the remaining 25th Anniversary 1997 draw prizes** (3 mths' worth), plus we anticipate another **small CTCC handout** for this meeting (subject to it be completed in time). As well, we still have **GOLD** in our Daytona Draw! **Scott Douglas** will give an **updated talk on Barnardo Home Children Medals** at this meeting too. We expect our SWCS Literary Award may be available to present at this meeting too (otherwise it will be March), as this newsletter is our last for 2022. Remember, this is also the meeting that we welcome donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items, or Wal-Mart gift cards for the Rockwood Food Bank, is you so desire to lend your support. <https://www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com/community-programs/> → Rockwood



**Members' Attendance Draw:** Our resident Santa Claus must have been preening his beard for his upcoming gigs?? **Gordon Parker** was not in attendance when his name was picked so the \$10 prize will swell to **\$15 for the December draw**. So easy to win it! All you have to do is be in attendance, no tickets to buy or line up to get in.

**King Arthur's Treasure:** What can I say, sometimes lightning strikes twice in one locale. Our winner for November was globetrotting **Scott Douglas** who featured his wind-burned good looks for our meeting. A big bag of over 150 items! Wow. Again, so easy to win. Five numismatic items from your delete bin. NOT just foreign coins, NOT just coins even! Tokens OKAY, Bank Notes OKAY, Woods well yes OKAY. Unlike some clubs, your King Arthur's Treasure can be whatever you think would be appropriate. WE just say, put into the box something you wouldn't be really ticked off receiving yourself. No 5 items to drop in?? Sometimes life gets hard and we forget to bring our items. Drop in a Loonie, or a Toonie or a \$5 bill. You can enter as many times as you want, there is simply no limit. Every 5 items or every dollar gets a ticket. Ten items? Two tickets. Twenty items, four tickets. One thing is for sure, the ticket holder gets it ALL! The club gets nothing from the KAT, it all goes back to the lucky member.

**Daytona Draw:** Our most complicated draw. Well, not that difficult, you buy the tickets and we do the hard math. Tickets are \$2 each, no limit. When the winning ticket is drawn, it will allow the winning ticket-holder to pick one envelope from 5-6 envelopes offered. All envelopes are good values between \$35-\$90, so they're all good, just that some are a greater value than others. The selected envelope is then put up for auction. When the final bid for the envelope is made the winning ticket-holder can accept the final bid in cash and relinquish the envelope to the bidder OR they can refuse the bid and keep possession of the envelope and contents, as was the case in this month's November draw. This month's draw included one envelope with an RCM 1 gram of pure gold coin! The winning ticket was owned by **Dan Kennaley** who chose envelope #26. **Scott Douglas** started the bidding and it rose quickly from an opening bid of \$10 to a final lofty bid of **\$37** by **Lance Tribble**. Our newest member, Dan, chose to spurn the bid of cash and retain the envelope. For his welcoming draw Dan received the envelope contents that included three RCM Uncirculated sets valued at **\$41**. Congratulations, Dan and best wishes in **December when our Gram O'Gold once again is included in the Daytona Draw**.

**Educational Presentation:** This meeting was a Show and Tell sharing by our members who wished to do so.

**Mike Hollinghead** displayed a Cuban 1-peso specimen note from the dual Anniversary 1995 issue. The banknote celebrated both the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Banco Central de Cuba and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Jose Marti in the *Cuban War for Independence from Spain*. The PCGS-graded MS64 bank note was a gift from a collector friend in New Jersey who wanted to thank Mike for breaking the blockade and delivering banknotes from Cuba to the New Jersey collector.

**Rose Van Sickle** displayed a number of items including commemoratives of her European trip as a Girl Guide leader. The

items were mostly pertaining to Guiding.

New member **Helen Braun** also displayed items of Girl Guides-related collectibles including a geo-caching commemorative which we attempted to bookmark in the website.

**"John Smith" (alias)** wowed us with a Canadian polymer \$100 banknote that looked quite normal except that the inlaid security strip was shifted markedly to the right of its normal location. As these notes are extremely well examined by laser examination-readers prior to release to the public, it was assumed that the error note must have stuck to another note to get past the error-detection at the banknote printers. The polymer notes are the result of a numerous, complicated, and well-protected series of processes and errors are very uncommon, especially in highest-value notes like this \$100.

**Ernie Blair** displayed some Churchill Crowns that were part of a collection that he recently purchased. They were cupro-nickel coins from the 1964 issue by Great Britain.

**David Carpenter** displayed a number of Charles Schultz®-related comics, including a set of "Li'l Folks" (1947-1950), the prequel to Peanuts strip, which David and his wife researched and compiled at the St. Paul Minnesota library archives. Two of the Peanuts comics strips related to the collecting of ancient coins and bottle caps! David also admitted to collecting bottle caps in his youth, and brought in one of the remaining cap-holder tubes salvaged from his family home. Got any of Guelph's Reinhart Beverages caps in that hoard, David?

This was a great meeting, with lots of fun having members shares pieces from their collections! We will do another **Show and Tell at our August 2023**. There has been a change in our membership since we last did a "**How I Got Started in Numismatics**", as a result, we are looking to members to share at our **June 2023** meeting (our **Annual Pizza Night**). Members please tell your stories on how you were first introduced to numismatics, and in fact, maybe bring along the first piece you collected if you still have it!

**Auction:** The evening finished with a well-bid auction which included some very nice uncirculated New World banknotes. We need good quality, collectible items for our auction. If you wish to consign for future auction, please call **Lowell Wierstra** at 519-824-6534.

**THANK YOU! WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!** Big thanks to **Ernie** and **Linda Blair** for the coffee and snacks and room set-up, and to **John Smith** for his donation of muffins and butter tarts. Draw tickets were sold by **Lowell Wierstra** and **Mikey Hollingshead**. Lowell coordinated, set-up, and looked after the auction money. Mikey was our auctioneer. **Rose Van Sickle** was our auction runner. As always, thanks to our President, **Scott Douglas** for leading the meeting. A big thank-you to **David Carpenter** for setting up the Club's laptop (which David also recently acquired on our behalf and loaded so it was ready to go at this meeting). This new machine is a GIANT LEAP FORWARD from our old machine! The lifeblood of any club is its volunteers. Many hands makes for light work! We are grateful to have so many folks willing to lend a hand!

## Emerson Centennial Featherstone (1876-1937)

by **Scott E. Douglas**, FCNRS, FRCNA, FONA, GKStE-Canada / U.S.A.

E.C. Featherstone was born September 28, 1876, just south of Milton, Ontario, in the township of Trafalgar, Halton County. His father Emerson and mother, Mary Bell were pioneers of Trafalgar Township. His middle name coincides with the 100-year celebration of the United States Centennial (1776-1876) and Featherstone's birth year of 1876.

Featherstone opened his Featherstone Photography and Art Studio in 1898 at number 8 Martin Street in downtown Milton. Like most photographers of this era, there really wasn't enough daily business to make a living, so Featherstone also offered stationery, books, school supplies, magazines, and novels at his studio. His business 'hook' was to offer sixteen photos for the price of a dozen. Although skill with a camera is an obvious asset for a photographer, an exceptional amount of patience and personality was also a must. It was vital that the subject stay absolutely still, and for many photographers, this was the subject's obligation. If you wanted a pleasing result the subject was required to be invested in the process. This short rhyme was the photographers' mantra of the day:

*I do engage to satisfy,  
If to my rules you do comply,*

*My rules are few, obeyed at will,  
All I require is to SIT STILL!*

Milton had ten previous photographers going back to 1864 but none lasted very long, with the exception of one who enjoyed ten years between 1877 and 1887. Featherstone would match this tenure. On January 7, 1909, the Milton newspaper, *The Champion*, announced that Featherstone had sold his business to H.K. Hunter effective immediately. Hunter, an experienced photographer lasted only six years before he sold out to Henry Sherman.

Although the actual act of photography was likely not the issue, the developing of the negatives and prints was. Many photographers were exposed to harsh chemicals and toxic vapors and as a result, most died at a relatively young age. E.C. Featherstone died in Toronto at 61 years of age.



The advertising tokens of E.C. Featherstone can be found listed in W.R. McColl's *Catalogue of Canadian Medals and Business Cards* published in 1903. McColl lists the tokens #681 aluminum, #682 brass, #683 copper and #684 German silver. McColl indicates that the brass, copper and German silver only had twelve pieces struck. In the past, McColl's population figures have caused some collectors to doubt the low mintage numbers.



These advertising tokens were issued by Featherstone in 1902 commemorating peace in South Africa. The tokens were the idea of J.K. Cranston & Co. and struck by Hamilton Stamp and Stencil Works.

However, in almost thirty years of these particular tokens being in my personal collection, I can only recall knowing of five other sets of the three off-metal strikes and none of the aluminum examples. In recent inquiries of other collectors of McColl listed tokens, no one reported having owned or knows of an existing aluminum token. I believe one may exist in the Bank of Canada Currency Museum's collection in Ottawa, but I have not checked. Given the lack of an aluminum example, and the fact that all of the brass, copper and German silver pieces are found in uncirculated condition, it is my opinion that these tokens were likely the creation of W.R. McColl himself to use in trade with other collectors of the time.

EMERSON CENTENNIAL FEATHERSTONE  
SEPT. 28, 1876 — — — APRIL 9, 1937

A consortium of collectors from the Ottawa, Owen Sound and Brantford area were known to practice this behaviour for a period of time between 1895 and 1910. Although frowned upon by some collectors at that time, today's collectors avidly seek these low mintage treasures.



E.C. Featherstone was interred with Masonic honours in Prospect Cemetery in Toronto, Ontario

# Crown Currency

by David Carpenter, SWCS Director

[Images in this article are courtesy of Author, unless otherwise noted. Images not to scale.]

When I began amassing world coins from everyone I knew who had travelled outside of Canada, I started to notice some similarities between coins from different countries. At first it seemed that Danmark Øre, Sveriges Öre and Norge Øre might be from countries using a similar currency word. After all, Canada and the United States use the dollar, not the pound, even though both were at one time British colonies. In the case of Denmark, Sweden and Norway however, the common use of Øre and the larger currency words Krone, Kroner, Krona, and Kronor is no accident, as they arose from a common Scandinavian history.

Denmark, Sweden and Norway were united under a single monarch by Queen Margaret I, also known as the “Lady King” by her subjects. She was the youngest daughter of the King Valdemar IV of Denmark, but upon his death in 1375 managed to get her infant son Olaf named as his successor as King Olaf II, rather than her older sister’s husband or son, arguably the legitimate heirs.

1381-1409 Seal of Queen Margaret I ruler of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and founder of the Kalmar Union (Margrete Valdemarsdatter; March 1353 – 28 October 1412). [Public Domain, drawing by Eilif Petersen - Brinchmann, Chr. "Norske Konge-sigiller og andre Fyrste-sigiller fra Middealderen" (1924)]



She was married to the King Haakon VI of Norway, so upon his death in 1380, their son Olaf became king of two nations. Margaret ruled as Regent before and after Olaf's death in 1387 at the young age of 17. Two years later, she invaded Sweden to overthrow their unpopular King Albert (Albrekt av Mecklenburg), and the Swedish nobility were only too happy to let Margaret rule. She then decreed that her adopted great-nephew Eric of Pomerania would be King Eric III of Norway, also conveniently young enough that she would again rule as Regent.

Eric's coronation took place in the town of Kalmar in 1397, and while the intent was to formally unite the three countries, it did not become official. That said, the Union of Kalmar continued until Sweden left in 1523, and at the time Sweden included most of present-day Finland. Denmark and Norway continued to operate as a union until 1814.

Currencies during those periods were specific to each country, despite having a single ruler. Then in 1873 the Scandinavian Monetary Union replaced Denmark's and Sweden's currencies with the Krone based on the gold standard, shortly after nearby Germany adopted a gold standard. The two countries in the Union continued to issue separate currencies, but now the currencies traded as equivalent. Norway in turn joined in 1875, and the Union lasted until the First World War, when the gold standard was abandoned and the three currencies were no longer fixed at par.



← Denmark

← Sweden

← Norway

The words Krona and Krone translate in each language to “Crown”. The subdivision of the Krona into 100 Öre or 100 Øre makes figurative sense: Öre comes from the Latin “aurum” for gold. However the Öre sub-unit was used long before the introduction of the gold standard, so it has roots in a more colloquial or slang usage. The Swedish Öre coins of the 1500s were made of billon (partly silver) for example.

Greenland has a Norwegian colonial past, but is now part of Denmark. Today Greenlanders use Danish currency, but some specific Greenland coins have been issued.



← Faroe Islands



← Iceland



← 1926 Greenlandic 5 Øre  
(aluminium-bronze)

[Heritage Auctions image [www.ha.com](http://www.ha.com).]



Eric XIV Silver 2 Ore 1567, Stockholm Mint, Sweden. [Heritage Auctions Image [www.ha.com](http://www.ha.com).]

Iceland was also a Norwegian colony, and later Swedish. It became a Kingdom in 1918, and fully independent in 1944, but its coinage still reflects that colonial history, using 100 Eyrir to the Króna.

Numismatically, the Danish nation of the Faroe Islands is notable. Nazi Germany had invaded Denmark in 1940, and the British promptly occupied the strategically located Faroe Islands, situated north of Britain and west of Scandinavia in the North Atlantic. In 1941 only, Danish coinage was struck for the Faroe Islands by the British Royal Mint, and the only difference between these coins and the earlier Danish coins is the missing heart-shaped mint mark of Copenhagen.

It's perhaps easy to conclude that the *Krause Standard Catalog of World Coins* has made an error of omission by not including the 1941 Danish 5 Øre coin with the central hole, but a small note in the entry refers the reader to the Faroe Islands for that year.

I'm repeatedly reminded how “Numismatics” provides a tangible record of many aspects of world history, and each coin that is added to my collection invites more discovery and understanding. These “crown” coins are no exception.



Scandinavia Map

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## UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

Check <https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/> for any cancellations, changes in venue, and pandemic protocols to be adhered to.

**11-December, 2022: Classic Coins & Banknotes Show** at Best Western Plus, 930 Burnham St. (just south of the 401), Cobourg, ON K9A 2X9. Free admission and plenty of free parking. Contact **Paul Harding**, 905-375-5712, email [coinmanph@yahoo.com](mailto:coinmanph@yahoo.com), website <http://classiccoinsandbanknotes.com>.

**28-29-January, 2023: Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) Winter Coin Show** at Sheraton Hamilton, 116 King St. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 4V3. Hours Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 10-3. Admission \$5 (under age 16 free). RCNA Kids table at the show. Contact: **Mike Walsh**, 289-969-1711, email [mwalsh@trajan.ca](mailto:mwalsh@trajan.ca), website <http://www.cand.org>.

**19-February, 2023: Oshawa & District Coin Club's COIN-A-RAMA** at Lviv Ukrainian Pavilion, 38 Lviv St., Oshawa, ON L1H 8S7. Hours 9-4 PLUS Mini-Auction at 2 PM. Free dealer and membership draws, and hourly public draws. Free admission and parking. Contact **Sharon Maclean**, 905-728-1352, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net), website <http://www.oshawacoinclub.com>.

**5-March: Troyak Club's Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show** at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON L4Z 1V8. Hours 9-4. Free evaluations and parking. Admission \$5 (children under age 16 are free). Contact **Les Plonka**, 416-505-7999, email [leszekp@rogers.com](mailto:leszekp@rogers.com), website <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

**11-March: Waterloo Coin Society's Cambridge Coin Show** at Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd., Cambridge ON N1R 6V3. Admissions \$2 (a portion of which will go to two charitable organizations), free parking, lunch counter on site, and donations to the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank will be accepted at the show entrance. Contact **Brent Mackie**, email [info@cambridgecoins.com](mailto:info@cambridgecoins.com), website <http://cambridgecoins.com>.

**31-March-2-April-2023: 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Ontario Numismatic Association Convention (two weeks before the National Postage Stamp & Coin Show)** at Courtyard by Marriott, 1224 Upper James St., Hamilton, ON L9C 3B1. Watch website for more details. Contact **Robb McPherson**, 519-577-7206, email [robb4640@outlook.com](mailto:robb4640@outlook.com), website <http://www.the-ona/upcoming>.

**Ontario Numismatic Association's Speakeasy:** Every month on the first Monday (until July 4th, 2022) at 7PM (Eastern Standard Time-Ontario time). 2022 Schedule: Apr 4<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jun 6<sup>th</sup>, and Jul 4<sup>th</sup>.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?pwd=dWtDMmFVYIR1SjNTMzVtaIZxTVpDQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 7743 1724 Passcode: 382388 See phone numbers below.

ZOOM -Dial by your location:

Canada—204 272 7920, 438 809 7799, 587 328 1099, 647 374 4685, 647 558 0588, and 778 907 2071.

USA—346 248 7799, 408 638 0968, 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833, 253 215 8782, 301 715 8592, and 312 626 6799.

**GUELPH SPRING COIN SHOW**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2023**  
**OPEN 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

Hosted by the South Wellington Coin Society

★ \*\$2 Admission to SWCS Show but receive a pass to ★  
Toronto Coin Expo\*

Lunch Counter ★ Free Parking ★  
OVER 35 Dealer Tables ! ★ Wheelchair Access  
BUY SELL TRADE ★ Club-KIDS Table Too!  
EVALUATIONS ★

**LOCATION:**  
Colonel John McCrae Memorial Royal Canadian Legion—Branch 234  
57 Watson Parkway South, GUELPH, ON N1L 1E3

**Contact:**  
Mike Hollingshead  
E-mail:  
[cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca)  
Phone: (519) 823-2646

**Host Website:**  
[www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.ca](http://www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.ca)

**FUTURE Coin Shows:**  
In GUELPH same location  
⇒ Sat. Apr. 29, 2023  
⇒ Sat. Sep. 23, 2023

**May Subject to:**  
COVID-19 Restrictions

**WIDE VARIETY:**  
Canadian Coins  
World Coins  
Canadian Banknotes  
World Banknotes  
Medals and Tokens  
Script and Coupons  
Bullion  
Militaria and Exonumia  
Numismatic Supplies  
Reference Books  
and MORE!!!

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**W.C.S. Coffee House**  
The lattes are free and the conversation isn't half bad either!

Fourth Wednesdays Monthly 7pm EST  
NO AGENDA - JUST SOCIAL TIME AND A VENT!

[waterloocoinsociety.com](https://waterloocoinsociety.com)

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91590360858>  
Meeting ID: 9159 036 0858 Passcode: 342812  
Dial-in Numbers: +1 647 374 4685 (Canada)  
or +1 301 715 8592 (US)

**Note:** there are other shows in Canada and USA, we have only listed the events, most likely to interest SWCS members from a geographic standpoint. Find more at ↓

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# 1933 1-Yuan Stalin Note

Stack's Bowers Galleries, October 3rd, 2022 Hong Kong Auction - Session A—China-Communist Banks, Lot 40579 sold \$31,200 (Provenance: The Ruth W. Hill Collection), Szechuan-Shensi Provincial Soviet Workers and Farmers Bank, 1933 1-Yuan (mounting remnants on face in corners), P-S3243b, PCGS VF-25. Printed on cloth paper. Plate note for Bank Note Museum website. Portrait of Iosif (Joseph) Vissarionovich Stalin at center. Mirrored hammer and sickle's below portrait (Chinese Communist Party version). Soldiers spreading the Revolution at left and right of the proletarian symbol. Serial numbers in red at lower corners, with printed signatures above. "1" counters in upper corners. Three-two-three interlocked chain at bottom of design. Chinese Red Army soldiers at center on reverse with a red star between the pair, and a date of "1933" below. Serial numbers at upper corners, and a red stamp at lower left end. Russian "ОДИН" (one) at left and right of central design.



Cloth notes are scarce from any Communist Bank issuer, especially when one considers all the forgeries or questionable material compared to legitimate pieces. Russia, during this period, supported communist movements worldwide, as Lenin had dreamed the Russian Revolution would be the spark needed to start the global communist revolution. China received support from the Soviet Union during this period, to help the CCP win their fight against the KMT for total control of China. This is why Stalin is depicted on the note (his likeness was never put onto Russian currency).

## SWCS AUCTION LIST FOR DECEMBER 7th, 2022

LOT	DESCRIPTION	EST. VALUE	RESERVE	YOUR BID	WINNING BID
1	Canada 2017 roll of dimes Wings of Peace	\$15.00	\$7.00		
2	Canada 2018 roll of twoonies Amistice	\$79.95	\$58.00		
3	Canada 1876—2017 roll of loonies Conecting a Nation	\$48.00	\$28.00		
4	Canada 1945—2010 poppy quarters part roll face \$7.75		\$8.00		
5	Canada 2022 mint roll of loons	\$35.00	\$27.00		
6	Canada 2022 mint roll of quarters	\$14.50	\$12.00		
7	Canada 2022 mint roll of dimes	\$8.50	\$7.00		
8	Canada 2021 mint roll of dimes blue nose 1921—2021	\$9.95	\$7.50		
9	Canada 2022 mint roll of nickels	\$4.25	\$3.00		
10	Canada 1970 P L set	\$5.75	\$3.75		
11	Canada 1971 P L set	\$5.75	\$3.75		
12	Canada 1972 P I set	\$5.75	\$3.75		
13	Canada 1973 P L set	\$8.00	\$5.00		
14	Canada 1975 P L set	\$7.75	\$4.50		
15	Canada 1976 P L set	\$6.50	\$4.00		
16	Canada 1977 P L set	\$5.50	\$3.50		
17	Canada 1978 P L set	\$5.75	\$3.75		
18	Canada 2012 roll of Brock quarters some are colerd	\$21.00	\$15.00		
19	Canada 1996 sterling John McTosh dollar in box	\$27.50	\$22.00		
20	Canada 1979 specimen silver dollar Griffon	\$14.95	\$13.00		
21	Canada 2005 roll of half dollars	\$53.00	\$40.00		

Coins for auction call Lowell Wierstra @ 519-824-6534



# SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS)

## NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

273 Mill St. E., Acton, ON. L7J 1J7, CDA.



Applicant: (first, surname) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If joining as FAMILY, list other applicants. Note, for any under the age of eighteen years (18), please provide date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

Applicant: (first, surname) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: (first, surname) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: (first, surname) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB for \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. DOB for \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

For Best Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Note: In making application you agree and consent to the SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS) sending newsletter, and other SWCS correspondence to you digitally by the email provided above, and for login to the Members Only area of the SWCS website (when available for use). If you are choosing to receive these materials by postal mail INSTEAD of email, these materials will be sent to the address above; however, we cannot guarantee timely delivery by the postal service. Sign here is you are requesting postal service INSTEAD of digital service: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share here, your primary interest(s) by ticking the box(es):

<input type="checkbox"/> Cdn. Coins	<input type="checkbox"/> USA Coins	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Coins	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient / Medieval Money	<input type="checkbox"/> PNCs
<input type="checkbox"/> Cdn. Paper Money	<input type="checkbox"/> USA Paper Money	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Paper Money	<input type="checkbox"/> Banking Memorabilia	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Bills of Exchange
<input type="checkbox"/> Cdn. Tokens / Medals	<input type="checkbox"/> USA Tokens / Medals	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Tokens / Medals	<input type="checkbox"/> Exonumia	<input type="checkbox"/> Numismatic Publications

All Membership Dues are payable in Canadian Funds (CAD). New Membership Dues are payable immediately, and Annual Membership Dues are based on the calendar year and due on or before January 1st each year. If you join after September 30th, you are paid for the current year and the following year. You may pay with your Application Form during a SWCS membership meeting, by mail enclosing a cheque or money order payable to SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY, or by emailing the SWCS Treasurer at [sdouglas333@gmail.com](mailto:sdouglas333@gmail.com) to arrange an electronic funds transfer (etransfer). Indicate the type of Membership you are applying for:

**\$5—Youth** (age 14-18, under 14 is FREE) Parent / Legal Guardian (first/surname): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10—Regular** (over age 18)

**\$12—Couple** (two applicants over age 18 both residing at the same address)

**\$25—Corporate** (numismatic organizations, museums, mints, academic institutions) (max. 2 representatives permitted)

Tick off applicable box for your METHOD OF PAYMENT:

**CASH**       **MONEY ORDER**      **OR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO “SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY”**       **eTRANSFER**

In making this APPLICATION for Membership in the SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS), you hereby agree to abide the current SWCS's policies (as amended) going forward.

Applicant's Signature & Date of Application (mm/dd/yyyy)

For Club Use Only:					
Year:					
New or *Renewal:					
Type: J, R, F, C					
Date Fee Received:					
Date Receipt Issued:					
Date Receipt Del/Mailed:					
<b>On Renewals:</b> Applicant to review form – if any changes – a NEW form has to be completed.					